

**A Proclamation, aswell for restraint of carrying of Graine out of the Realme**  
 and order of bringing of the same to the markettes as also for restraint of carrying  
 out of all kindes of victualles and certain other commodities of the Realme, set forth  
 by the Kinges Maistie, with shapule of his highnes counsaill for reformation  
 of the excessive prices of the same, the xx. of October, the iii. yere  
 of his most noble reigne.



Here as at the parliament holden upon prorogacion at  
 Westminster the xv. daye of January, in the xxv. yere of the Reigne of  
 our most deere father of famous memoire King Henry theight, it was  
 ordeined and enacted by auctorite of the same parliament, that the lord  
 Chauncelloz of England, The lord Tresorer, The lord President of  
 the Kinges most honorable counsaill, The lord Priuie Seale, The lord  
 Steward The lord Chamberlaine, and all other Lordes of the Kinges  
 counsaill, The Tresorer and Comptroller of the Kinges most hono-  
 rable House The Chauncelloz of the Duchie of Lancast. The Kinges Justices of either Benche The  
 Chauncelloz, Chamberlaine, Under Tresorer and Barons of the Kinges exchequer, or any of them at  
 the lest, wherof the lord Chauncelloz The lord Tresorer, The lord President of the Kinges Counsaill,  
 or the lord Priuie Seale to be one, shoulde haue power and auctorite from tyme to tyme as the cause  
 shoulde requier to set and take reasonable prices of all kindes of Ciste, Butter, Capones, Hennes, Chekesnes  
 and other kindes of victualles necessary for mennes sustenance mentioned in the said acte, whiche they  
 shoulde be sold in gross or by retayle for relief of the Kinges subiectes, And that after suche prices sette  
 and taxed in forme aforesaid, Proclamation shoulde be made in the Kinges name vnder the great Seale  
 of the said piers in such parties of this Realme as shoulde be conuenient for the same. And it was further  
 enacted by the said acte that all Farmers, owners, Stoggers, and all other victuallers whatsoever, ha-  
 uing or keeping any of the kindes of victualles mentioned in the said acte, to the intent to sell, shuld sell  
 the same to such the Kinges subiectes as wold buye them, at suche prices as shuld be set and taxed by the said  
 proclamation, upon paines to be expressed & limited in the said proclamation to be lost, forfeited & Lured  
 to the Kinges vie, in such wise as by the said proclamation shoulde be declared. And further by the same  
 acte it was provided that the same acte or any thing therein contained shoulde not be hurtfull to Mayors  
 Sherrifes, Bailiffes or other officers of Cities, Boroughes or townes corporate, nor to any person or per-  
 sones or bodies politique hauing auctorite to set prices of suche victualles, or of any of them, but that  
 they and every of them might set prices thereof as if that acte had neuer ben had or made. And it was also  
 enacted by the same acte, that no person or persons onles it wex by license vnder the Kinges great Seal,  
 from thenceforth shuld carie or conuey or cause to be caried or conueyed any corne, Beottes, Muttons, We-  
 ales, Porken or any other of the victualles aforesaid to any the parties beyonde the sea excepte onely for  
 the victualling of the colons of Calice, Swines, Hammes and the markettes of the same. And excepte for  
 victualling of Masters, Mariners & marchantes Shippes passing the sea. And also excepte barrel  
 led Butter and meale to be caried to the parties of Fflemish as hath ben accustomed, upon payre of for-  
 waiping of the value of the thing conueyed and caried into the parties of beyonde the sea contrary to the  
 same acte: Thone halfe thereof to thurs of our said soueraigne Lord the King, and thoder half to the par-  
 tie that will sue for the same by bill, plaint, writ or informacion in any of the Kinges Courttes of recorde.  
 In whiche suites the Defendant shall not wage his Lawe, nor any protection or essone for hym shalbe al-  
 lowed, as by the same acte moze at large it may and dothe appere.  
 And forasmuche as diuers & sondry great complaints of inhabiting of prices of victualles, necessary



For many sustentance, & necessaries of Corne, Graine, Butter, & Chese, he had made not only to the kinges  
most excellent highnesse, but also to his most honorable Counsaillors, by reason that buter is his subiectes, & o-  
thers by that insatiable covetousnesse, imbolding & purposing of their private handes to make great benefit  
a profite, more the necessite requireth of corne, grain, beanes, muttons, veales, porkes, butter, chese, & other  
victualles necessary for mannes sustentance, not only by unlawfull engrossing, forstalling and regratting  
of the same, but also by unlawfull dealing, selling and conveying the same victualles and other the premi-  
ses into sundry parties beyond the seas, contrary to the said statute, and contrary to the kinges maiesties  
Laws and Proclamations, in this behalf made, and to the great hurt and perill of the com-  
monwealth of this his realme, & in the kinges most excellent maiesty having a vigilant & mercifull eye  
repect towards his loving subiects, and willing and straightly charging his said subiects and others  
from henceforth to enterprise no such offences, contrary to his Lawes, Statutes or Proclamations, u-  
pon the paines and forfeitures contained in the same, and upon his high indignation and displeasure, hath  
according to the tenour of the said acte, called and required his honorable Counsaillors named in the said  
acte to sett the reasonable prices of all kinde of Corne, Graine, Butter and Chese, according to the te-  
nour of the said acte. In consideration whereof, the lord Chancellor of England, The Lord Chiefe Justice  
of England, the Lord President of the kinges most honorable Counsaill, The Lord Privie Seale, The  
lord Chamberlain, & al other limited & appointed by the said acte for setting a setting the prices of al kinde  
of victualles mentioned in the said acte, have by auctorite of the said acte, set & rated reasonable prices of  
all kinde of Graine mentioned in the said acte to be sold in forme following, That is to say, that from  
the feast of all Sainctes next ensuing without delay all and singular persones and persones, having or ke-  
ping any of the kinde of Graine, Butter or Chese within this realme to the entent to sell, shal sell the same  
to such of the kinges Subiectes as will buy them at the prices hereafter mentioned, or vnder, and not a-  
bove that is to say, white Wheate of the best sorte cleane and sweete and not tailed, for xii. s. iii. d. the  
quarter and not above, and white Wheate of the second sorte, and redde Wheate of the best sorte, cleane  
sweete and not tailed, for xi. s. the quarter, and not above, and Grape Wheate of the best sorte, cleane  
sweete, and not tailed, for x. s. the quarter, and not above, and all other Wheate as well white, Redde  
and Grape of the menest sorte not cleane or tailed, for viii. s. the quarter, and not above. And that Malt  
cleane, sweete and of the best sorte, shal be sold for x. s. the quarter, and not above, and Malt of the second  
sorte for viii. s. the quarter and not above. And Rye of the best, cleane, and sweetest sort, for vii. s. the  
quarter, and not above. And Rye of the second sorte for vi. s. the quarter, and not above. And Barly of the  
best sorte, cleane and sweete, for ix. s. the quarter, and not above, and Barly of the second sorte for vii. s. the  
quarter, and not above. Beanes or Pease of the best sort, cleane, and sweete for .v. s. the quarter, and not  
above. And Beanes or Pease, of the second sort, for iii. s. viii. d. the quarter and not above. Otes of the best  
sorte, cleane, and sweete for iii. s. the quarter, and not above, accompting, viii. Bushelles to the quarter.

Provided alwaies that in what place or countie so ever within this the kinges Realm of England or  
other his graces dominions, the Measure or Measure shall fortune to be more or lesse then is now  
ordained, that then the prices shal be likewise rated, limited and appointed according to, but  
every Bushel of land measure and not otherwise.

And that from the said feast of all Sainctes, the pound of sweete butter not to be sold above .x. s. ob. and  
barrelled Butter, of Essex, the pound, not to be sold to any the kinges Subiectes, above .xx. s. ob. and bar-  
relled Butter of any other parties not to be sold to the kinges Subiectes above .xx. s. ob. And Chese of Es-  
sex to be sold to the kinges Subiectes from Hallowmen nexte till the newe yeeres Crosse, for .x. s. ob. and  
not above. And chese of other parties not above .xx. s. ob. And in case any person or persones by himselfe  
or by any other by his assent or procuration shal attempt to sell any kinde of Graine, Butter, or Chese  
above the prices aforesaid contrary to the said acte, and this proclamation, that then the offender or offenders  
found in that behalf, shal forfeit & lose to the king and his heirs for every Bushel of any kinde of the sayd  
wheate graunce before mentioned to be sold, contrary to the tenour and effect of this proclamation, and be



post price or forfeiture of it. And whosoever shall be sold contrary to the tenour and effect  
of this proclamation, the king's most excellent highness shall have the same moiety of his highness' gift. And that  
for all and every such forfeiture the king our sovereign Lord shall and may have his recovery and  
redress by information bill plaint or action of debt in any of his highness' courts of record in which  
law, no effort, protection, no wager of law shall be allowed.

And to the intent this proclamation may be put in good execution, the king's most excellent highness' pleasure by  
this his said proclamation is, that the Justices of the Peace in every Shire shall with all convenient speed after this  
proclamation made, divide them selves into hundreds, Wapentakes, and Wapentakes, according as hereto-  
fore in other his highness' shires they have done. And that in or two of them at the least within the limits  
of their division, shall with all diligence repair to all Farms, Barres, Stacks, Barnes,  
Dallies, Dolders, Lofts, Wykes, Dares, Graunges and other houses within the precinct or limits of  
their said division, and there that by all the waies and meanes they can view, fetch and extend by their  
good discretions what quantite of kindes of Corne, Graine, Butter and Cheese, every person & persons  
have within the precinct of the same their division, and after the certaintie thereof, as nece as may be know-  
en unto them, they shall allotte, appoint and allowe to the owner of the said Corne, Graine, Butter, and  
Cheese, so by them founde in Barres, Stacks, Barnes, Graunges, Wykes, Dares, Lofts, Dolders,  
Dolders and other houses, sufficient and competent Graine, Butter and Cheese for the feeding and main-  
tenance of his or their houses and family, until the 11. day of September now next coming and also for  
necessary seede corne to be employed on his or their ground, farme or farmes, to be sold before the 11. day of  
June next coming. And for the surplus of the said corne, Graine, Butter and Cheese, found in Barres,  
Stackes and other houses aforesaid, the said Justices shall by vertue hereof have authoritie to charge  
and commaund in our name and behalf upon paine of imprisonment the said owner & owners, to bring  
to the marketes next adjoining such port of the same surplus as they the said Justices shall think me-  
te & requisite. And in such sort as by their discretions shall be thought mete & convenient, there to be sold  
according to the rate of prices, before limited by this proclamation. And his highness' pleasure also is, that  
the Justices, so viewing and taking the premises as before, shall after the same take by their writing sig-  
nified unto the chief officer or officers of the market or marketes, faire or faires, the full proportion of all  
such kindes of Graine, as they shall so appoint to the same, & also what kind of Graine it is, to the intent the  
same may be sold accordingly.

Provided also, that in case any of the said owners do sell such portion or part of the portion of the  
Corne, Graine, Butter or Cheese as he or they shall be appointed to bring to the market, to any his neigh-  
bour being householder or common labourer, having not competent Graine, Butter or Cheese for his or  
their families for the only subsistence and maintenance of himself his house & family, that then the said  
owner and owners shall be discharged from the bringing of the said portion to the next market to be  
sold in for the aforesaid.

And whosoever Farmor or Farmours, owner or owners, shall refuse or do not bring to the market  
his or their Corne, Graine, Butter or Cheese according to the effect of this proclamation, or as he or they  
shall be appointed by the said Justices, that then every such offender shall for every such default suffer  
imprisonment during the king's pleasure. And if it shall happen any husband or husbandes to sell for the  
goodnes or balance of any of the kindes of graine aforesaid, then the same shall and lawfully may  
be sold by any two justices of the peace within the same shire, or by the Justices, or other two justices with  
the two justices, or one of them, or the two Justices, or other two Justices, where the same Graine  
shall be put to sale or offered to be sold.

And furthermore, the king's most excellent highness' pleasure is, that whosoever shall be sold contrary to the tenour and effect  
of this proclamation, the king's most excellent highness' shall have the same moiety of his highness' gift.



forth transport ship or cart, over the seas, out of this his highnes Realme of England or any other  
his Graces dominions pertaining to the same, or into the Realme of Scotland or elles where into any  
other foreign Realme, or countie, willingly there to make port sale, of any Wheate, Rye, Barley, pease  
Beanes, Oates, Mustardse or any other kind of graine, or the meales of any of the same or any Vict-  
les, Antons, Treales, Chese, Butter, Callow, Canole, Beere, Ale, Bread, Haffer, Lether, Salt Fyres,  
Wood, Coles, Wooll, Felles, or any other kinde of victual, upon paine to forfet the thing so transported  
or conveyed, and further to incurr the damages, pynes, and forfeitures of the Kinges lawes and statutes in  
that behalf mentioned & provided any licence, or dispensacion to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding  
I commaunde also that all and every of the Kinges highnes said Subiectes, goinge within this Realme  
by weyke and authority of the Kinges Letters patentes may carry out and transport any of the kin-  
des of commodities aforesaid, for the necessary buyellling and furnishing of Gallies, Shippes, Mannes,  
Breechards, and the marches of the same, this proclamation notwithstanding, so that by colour ther-  
of the said kinde of commodities be not by them be not in other places by sold or employed contrary  
to the true intent and meaning of this proclamation.

Provided also that it shalbe lawful for al manner of persons shewen Marchantes or other having good & law-  
ful occaision to repaire to the sees, to furnish their shippes & vessels with necessary provisions of victual for the  
same, & not otherwise this proclamation or any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also that all Brewers and Bakers may buye all & carry the said kinde of Graines & the  
meales of the same, so that they convey the same to be by them bought, or to be bought into by bread & drink to  
be sold at reasonable prices according to the ancient statutes and lawes of this Realme, or one of them.

Provided also that all and every Inn keepers may sell and utter in their Inns or houses, Beanes  
Pease, Oates, Treales, Chese, Ale, or any other thing as be or shalbe there gessen and shalbe Lodged with  
them or any of them, so that they sell the same at reasonable & convenient prices, according to the lawes & statutes of this Realme.

Provided also that all baggers and common carriers of graine may buye and carry any of the said graines,  
so that the same be sold to any Bakers, Brewers, or others in open Market according to the tenor & ef-  
fect of this proclamation, so seeing always that the said Baggers & common carriers be not other so they  
be have at any one time of their owne in their possession or in the possession of any others to their use above  
the number of 12 quarters of any one of the kinde of graine aforesaid, over & above the graine and come  
that be carried to the market to be sold from market day to market day, taking for the carriage of the same  
graine to the market such like gains and advantages as heretofore they have been used for the same carriage.

And further the Kinges Most straightly chargeth and commaundeth every of his Subiectes  
of what estate soever he or they be, that in no wise any of them upon his or their dutie of allegiance  
meddle or enterprise to put any article or clause of this proclamation in execution by colour or pretence of  
the same, but only the Justices of peace or such other as have special authority by this prelat proclamation.

And we considering the premises to be for the welfare and commodities of this our Realme, well and  
commaunde all Sherrifes of our countie, Justices and Bailiffs of every shire and borough within  
this our Realme, within 14 daies next after the receipt of this our proclamation, to be or they with al spece  
shall proclaim the premises in al market townes within their limites, and that all manner our Subiectes  
shall obey the same, upon paine to incurr our indignation and displeasure. And this proclamation to  
continue during our pleasure.

God save the King

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Per Regium Consilium